

Are you at risk?

Risk factors for contracting an STD:

- Sexual intercourse at an early age.
- Multiple partners.
- Sex with partners who are high risk.
- Vaginal douching.
- Inconsistent or incorrect condom use.
- Prior history of STD.
- Use of alcohol or drugs can impair your decision-making capabilities.



One in 4 Americans WILL have one or more STDs at some time in their life.

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A guide to Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Facts



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- 1 in 4 Americans have an incurable STD, like Genital Warts, Herpes, HIV, or Hepatitis for which there is no cure.
- Since 1980, 8 new sexually transmitted pathogens (bacteria, viruses) have been identified.
- Two-thirds of all STDs occur in people age 25 or younger.
- Less than half of adults age 18-44 have ever been tested for STDs.
- The US leads all other developed countries with the number of people per population with an STD.
- For every \$1 spent to prevent STDs, \$43 is spent on treatment and other costs.
- 5 of the 10 most commonly reported infectious diseases in the US are sexually transmitted diseases—STDs account for 87% of those 10.
- A woman is twice as likely as a man to acquire an STD during unprotected sex.
- Douching can destroy beneficial bacteria and reduce the acidity of the vagina, which makes women more susceptible to vaginal infections and can be a risk factor for pelvic inflammatory disease (PID).

Two-thirds of STD infections cannot be detected without a test.

- Adolescents are at high risk for STDs because they are biologically vulnerable to infection and more likely to have frequent unprotected sex.
- Since not all teenagers are sexually active, the actual risk for acquiring an STD among sexually active teens is even higher than the rates suggest.
- One in four new STD infections occur in teenagers.
- Among teens ages 18-19 who have sex, nearly 25% of females and 20% of males report having had 6-10 partners.



- Syphilis is called “the great imitator” because its symptoms resemble those of many other diseases.
- Chlamydia is the most prevalent STD in the US. Over 4 million infections are reported each year.
- HPV is the leading cause of cervical cancer.

You can't tell if a person has an STD by his or her appearance.

Many STDs have no Symptoms.

- Currently, 20 million people have Genital Warts (HPV) with 6.2 million newly infected each year.
 - 8 of 10 sexually active people may be infected with one or more strains of Genital Warts (HPV).
 - Genital Warts (HPV) were recognized in ancient times, but physicians didn't realize the warts were easy to give to a sexual partner until 1954.
- If the herpes virus comes into contact with the eyes, it can cause blindness.
- 1 of every 5 people over the age of 12 has genital herpes; one of every 4 is over the age of 18.
- 58,000 people died in Vietnam—448,000 people in the US died from AIDS by the end of 2000.
- On average in the US, 1 person is newly infected with HIV every 12 minutes. Of these, half are between 13 and 25 years old.
- HIV is one of the top ten killers in the world.

